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(c) The above amount of leave salary is in excess by Rs. 989-9-7 of the maximum leave allowance he could have drawn had the limits prescribed in Fundamental Rule 89 (2) been applied.

(d) The terms of his appointment did not specifically stipulate that the limits laid down in Fundamental Rule 89 (2) regarding the maximum amount of leave salary would apply to him. The Government did not therefore consider it necessary to insist on recovering from him any of the amount drawn as salary during the leave taken in 1931. They have, however, directed that the provisions of Fundamental Rule 89 (2) should be enforced whenever he goes on leave in future.

Expenditure on the Madras Port Staff Club.

* 73 *Q.*—B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Madras Port Staff Club is maintained from the funds of the Madras Port, and if so, what is the annual revenue and expenditure in respect of the Club;

(b) whether a sum of Rs. 4,000 was recently sanctioned for repairs to the roof of the Club; and

(c) whether persons not in the service of the Port are also members of the Club?

A.—(a) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. The second part does not arise.

(b) An estimate amounting to Rs. 4,000 was sanctioned by the Port Trust Board on the 8th May 1931 for renewing the roof of the Trust's premises which have been leased to the Madras Port Staff Club.

(c) Yes; such members are not however active members of the club, but are only honorary members.

Prisons

Compulsory retirement, etc., of officers in the Jail department.

* 74 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the recent rules and orders on retrenchment by means of compulsory retirement, etc., of officers was made applicable to the Jail department;

(b) if so, how many of the gazetted ranks and how many of the non-gazetted ranks were retired, and what the service of each of the persons so retired was; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The question of retiring an officer in the gazetted rank is under the consideration of Government. Particulars as to the officers who were retired in the non-gazetted ranks are not available and have been called for.

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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I ask who is this officer that is sought to be retired compulsorily? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" He is a gazetted officer. It is Mr. Krishna Ayyar, the Deputy Superintendent in the Coimbatore Central Jail."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know what is the total service that he has put in? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" All that is under investigation."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED :—" May I know whether there is any other person who has put in 25 or more than 30 years service and who is a gazetted officer and who will come under this rule? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" No other gazetted officer."

Desirability of abolishing the post of Personal Assistant to the Inspector-General of Prisons.

* 75 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the post of the Personal Assistant to the Inspector-General of Prisons was created and why;

(*b*) what the annual cost is of the establishment of the Personal Assistant and the staff under him, if any;

(*c*) when the post of the Manager to the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons was created and why;

(*d*) what the duties are of the Manager of the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons;

(*e*) what the annual cost is of the establishment of the Manager and his staff, if any;

(*f*) whether the Government have considered the question of retrenchment in the office of the Inspector-General of Prisons;

(*g*) if so, on what lines, and what the total effect is;

(*h*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the possibility of abolishing the post of the Personal Assistant to the Inspector-General of Prisons without detriment to efficiency; and

(*i*) if not, whether the Government propose to examine this question with a view to retrenchment ?

A.—(*a*) From 1st April 1930. To relieve the Inspector-General of Prisons of most of the routine office work which has increased in recent years and to enable him to devote his attention to matters of greater importance.

(*b*) & (*e*) The hon. Member is referred to the half-yearly list of non-gazetted officers of the Jail Department and the certified schools. No separate staff has been sanctioned for the Personal Assistant or the Manager.